

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain pending. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to correct a typographical error, and claim 21 has been rewritten as a dependent claim, which now depends from claim 1. No new matter is added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-20, 23, 24, and 26, drawn to a thermoplastic composition, for prosecution on the merits.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 21 of Group II has been rewritten as a dependent claim depending from claim 1 (Group I). The remaining Group II claims, 22 and 25, depend from claim 21. Therefore, the Group II claims now contain all limitations of the Group I claims. It is respectfully submitted that search and examination of all claims can be made without an undue burden. In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, it is respectfully requested that Group II claims be rejoined and allowed upon allowance of the elected Group I claims.

In response to the three election of species requirements, Applicants hereby elect:

- (1) the bulk polymer species of polyethylene terephthalate (PET);
- (2) the additive species of ethylene/methylacrylate co-polymer; and
- (3) the CES species of ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate/methylacrylate ter-polymer.

The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below if she believes doing so would be helpful to resolve any outstanding matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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